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TO: County Weed & Pest Supervisors, Weed & Pest Control Commission/Attendees

FROM: Brenda Sievers, Plant Industry Program Manager 

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SUBJECT: Call for Weed & Pest Grant Applications for FY2016

At the meeting on September 9, 2014, the Weed & Pest Control Commission approved a call for grant applications for FY2016 funds. The Commission will be awarding each county that meets the criteria, either \$2,500 or \$5,000 depending upon which criteria they meet. The form is marked FY2016 Call for Grants & Contractual Agreements. Also, the Commission has made available \$320,000 in competitive grants of which any dollar amount can be awarded to one or more counties for special weed projects within the county. The competitive grant criteria and application form is marked as FY2016 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant. These grant requests will be evaluated and approved by a committee appointed by the Weed & Pest Control Commission Chairman and presented to the Commission meeting in February for final approval.

The Commission approved the following:

\$330,000 divided amongst the counties that meet the criteria (See grant criteria for more info.)
\$320,000 to fund competitive grants

All grant applications must be mailed to the Department of Agriculture, Division of Agricultural Services, and **be postmarked, faxed or emailed no later than November 21, 2014**. The Commission will act on all grant applications on February 18, 2015 at the 2015 Annual Weed & Pest Conference in Rapid City, SD.

If you have any questions, please contact your district Commission member or this office at 605-773-3796 or ask the Department of Agriculture staff at the upcoming District Weed & Pest Meetings.